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Do-not-call site crashes from high demand

LIST Eight hours after Canada's do-not-call list went into effect yesterday the demand to be rid of telemarketers was so high that it crashed the website and the phone line had a constant busy tone.

Before the crash, about 200,000 people registered on the list. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has projected that about 16 million of Canada's 27 million phone lines would be on the do-not-call list within two years.

Bell Canada is responsible for operating the list. People can register online at LNNTE-DNCL.gc.ca or at 1-866-580-3625.

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Luongo chosen to captain Canucks

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Goaltender Roberto Luongo is introduced as the 12th captain of the Vancouver Canucks at GM Place yesterday.

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Roberto Luongo will be the first goaltender to captain a National Hockey Team in 61 years, the Vancouver Canucks announced yesterday. Luongo, 29, who is beginning his third season with the Canucks, will be the first goalie-captain since Bill Durnam of the Montreal Canadiens in 1947-48.

"I know that this has happened in the past in the NHL," said coach Alain Vigneault, following the announcement.

"In our rink, in our minds, and for this organization this is the right thing to do. Roberto is the right individual to be captain."

Luongo, who has two years left on his four-year $27-million deal, succeeds Markus Naslund, who captained the team for the past eight years, but departed for New York during the summer as an unrestricted free agent.

League rules prevent Luongo from wearing a 'C' on his jersey, but Vigneault stressed there is no rule that a goalie cannot be captain.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Luongo said. "I enjoy the fact that I'm going to have that extra pressure on my shoulders to lead the team every night."

Vigneault said he informed Luongo of the decision on Sept. 11 and added that "it took him about .01 seconds to say 'Yes.'"

Alternate captains Mattias Ohlund, Willie Mitchell and Ryan Kesler, who were also named yesterday, will handle some of Luongo's on-ice captain's duties, like taking ceremonial face-offs (Ohlund) and arguing calls with referees (Mitchell).

General Manager Mike Gillis informed league officials of the decision yesterday morning.

Naked suspect dies after being Tasered in Langley

A bank robbery suspect died yesterday after he was Tasered by Police in Langley, RCMP said.

According to Cpl. Peter Thiessen, an armed man in his 40s robbed a Royal Bank branch just before 11 a.m.

"He acted in a violent manner and knocked over an elderly woman in the bank," Thiessen said.

A witness followed the suspect to a Langley home, remaining on the phone with police the entire time.

When officers arrived at the house 10 minutes after the robbery they heard loud yelling between a man and a woman. They then saw a naked man smash through a second storey window and fall to the ground.

Thiessen said the man was "completely naked and bleeding from a chest wound." He then attempted to get back into the home, fighting off officers and a police dog.

"The firearm used in the armed robbery was unaccounted for and an unidentified female was still in the residence," Thiessen said. Officers then used a Taser on the man.

He was transported to hospital and later pronounced dead.

The woman inside the house was arrested. The provincial "E" Division Major Crimes Unit is investigating.

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Taser in the news

- The death occurred almost one year after Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski was Tasered at YVR and died.

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Mosques packed as Muslim holy month ends with holiday
More than 1,200 Muslims are expected to pack Burnaby's Al-Salaam Mosque And Education Centre this morning for Eid ul-Fitr. The celebration marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Local

Debate tonight

NPA candidate Coun. Peter Ladner, right, and Vision candidate Gregor Robertson, left, will square off in the city's first mayoral debate tonight at 7:30 at Vancouver Public Library downtown. METRO VANCOUVER

Admission made out of fear, desire to impress: Fry

Says he thought cop was crime boss

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The man accused of setting fire to an East Vancouver home, killing five people, said yesterday he admitted to the arson to an undercover cop because he thought it's what he wanted to hear.

Nathan Fry told the jury that he thought the officer was an organized crime boss, for whom he'd been working.

He said he was afraid if he didn't admit to starting the 2006 fire that killed four members of the Etibako family and a friend, he'd be kicked out of the organization and murdered.

"The boss told me he knew I did it and I wasn't going to tell him he was wrong," Fry said, adding that when he was called to the alleged crime boss' condo that night, he was terrified.

"If I passed (his scrutiny) I was in this organization … I would be powerful. If I didn't pass I'd be a 19-year-old murder victim."

"If he had asked me if I was involved with the terrorist attacks in 9/11, I would have (said yes). I told him everything he wanted to hear."

contradicted

- Nathan Fry admitted to telling police he was at home when the fire started, changing his story to say he was robbing grow-ops after cellphone records contradicted his first story.

RAFE ARNOTT / METRO VANCOUVER

Mayor Sam Sullivan and other city officials announce a downtown streetcar project, dubbed the Olympic Line, under the Cambie Street Bridge yesterday.

City unveils Olympic rail line

MONICA MARTINEZ
ffor Metro Vancouver

Vancouverites will have a new "sustainable" light rail transportation system during the 2010 Olympic Games, Mayor Sam Sullivan announced yesterday.

The Olympic Line — Vancouver 2010 Streetcar will run from Jan. 21 to March 21, 2010, and will connect Granville Island to the Canada Line Olympic Village Station located on Cambie Street and West Second Avenue.

"The service aims to showcase an accessible, sustainable transportation option," Sullivan said.

The service is not free, but will be incorporated with TransLink passes.

The City of Vancouver has spent $8.5 million upgrading the Downtown Historic Railway and hopes to extend the line to Stanley Park, UBC and along the Arbutus Corridor.

An estimated $100 million is required to expand the service to Science World, and $50 to $100 million incrementally to take it to Stanley Park and Waterfront Station.

Coun. Peter Ladner said the next steps are to approach TransLink, the provincial and federal governments for funding.

News in brief

MURDER The third murder trial of a Vancouver man has ended with a guilty verdict yesterday. Rajinder Benji was charged with killing Mahendra Singh more than a decade ago. His first trial ended with a hung jury and his second ended in a mistrial.

THEFT The RCMP is asking for help identifying a man who tried to steal a bait car in Burnaby. The man hammered at the ignition so hard that the head of the mallet he was using broke off. A camera in the dash captured his photo.

POLITICS Maple Ridge's mayor says he's decided to seek re-election, despite initially deciding to be a one-term mayor, cknw.com reports. Gordon Robson will be running against MLA Michael Sather and Coun. Ernie Daykin. METRO VANCOUVER

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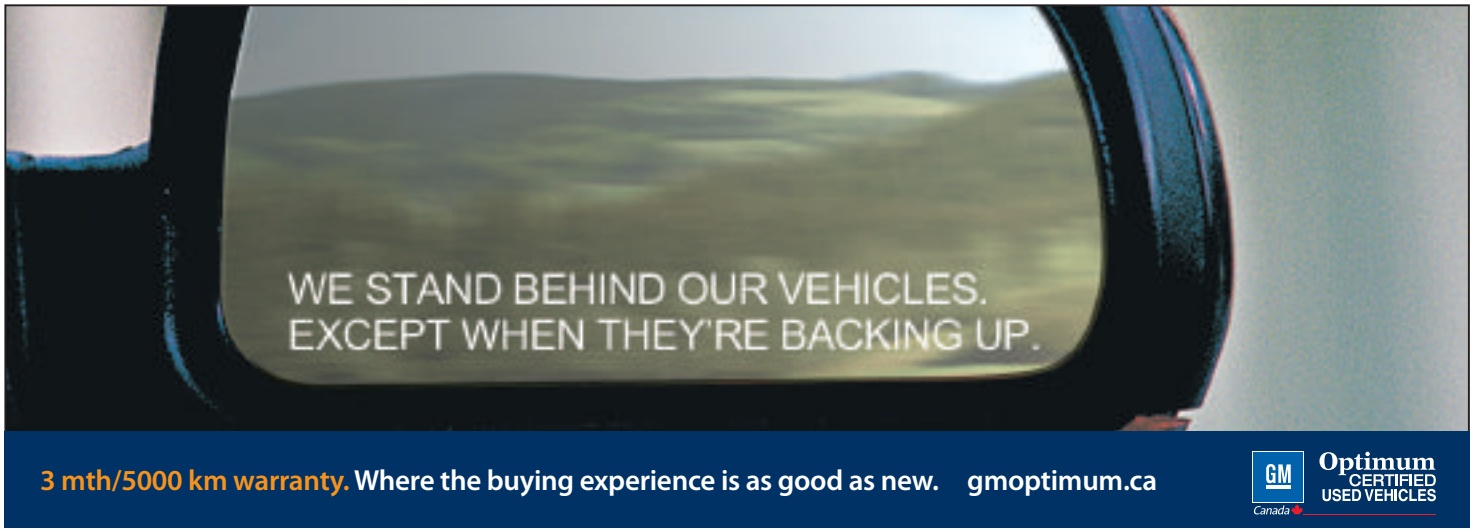
What's online today.

Watch the speech at the centre of the plagiarism scandal and check in on the leaders as they prepare for this week's debates at www.metronews.ca/canada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Vancouver traffic trouble easing

One of the biggest traffic bottlenecks became a bit easier to navigate yesterday when all six east and westbound lanes at West Broadway and Cambie Street reopened. North and southbound lanes are still slow. NEWS1130.COM

Police asking tipster to call back

MARIA COOTAUCO
for Metro Vancouver

An anonymous tipster who left an incomplete message on the Vancouver Police Department's homicide hotline with possible information about Aaron Chan's murder last month is being asked to call back.

The Aug. 27 message, left by a man who says he was working for the Seymour Bike Patrol, was cut off by the police department's answering machine.

"I was working at the corner of Richards and Pacific that night from 1:57 a.m. to 2:23 a.m. I was standing at the corner," the caller said before being disconnected.

Chan was outside Atlantis nightclub on the 1300 block of Richards Street at about 2 a.m. on Aug. 24, when he got involved in a fist fight trying to defend a friend. He later died in hospital.

"I've never done this before — putting a message (out) like this from a witness, but the timeline is crucial and the location is crucial," Det. Const. Richard Akin said yesterday.

Police have interviewed more than 70 people who were at Atlantis that night, but say their investigation is stymied by witnesses who they know have information but still haven't come forward.

MARIA COOTAUCO/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

The Chan family — from left, Eddy Tso, Minerva Chan, Miranda Chan and Eddie Chan — hold up photos of Aaron Chan, 25, at VPD yesterday.

Accused's lawyer says cops 'overly harsh'

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The lawyer of a man accused of attacking a gay man in Davie Village said yesterday police have been "overly harsh" in their claims about his client.

Michael Kandola, 20, is accused of an assault Saturday morning on Jordan Smith, 27, who was holding hands with another man. Smith was knocked to the ground and suffered a broken jaw.

Police said insulting remarks about gays were shouted prior to the attack and want the case prosecuted as a "hate crime."

But Danny Markowitz, Kandola's lawyer, said when police investigate themselves they always ask the public to keep an open mind.

"But in this case they are coming to a rash judgment without all the details being before the court, or before the accused."

Kandola, who has been charged with assault, not aggravated assault as police said Monday, has been "overwhelmed by all the attention" and did not appear in court yesterday. His next appearance is Oct. 14.

Call-in

- Park Board Commissioner Spencer Herbert called for the establishment of a provincial assault line to report homophobic abuse yesterday.

News in brief

HOUSING An estimated 400 hotel rooms in the Downtown Eastside are vacant and could be upgraded cheaply and turned into temporary shelters for people who are homeless and on the street, according to estimates by the Carnegie Community Action Project. The units are allegedly available in privately-owned buildings in the area.

AIRPORT The Vancouver Airport Authority is part of a team to operate and develop Chicago's second largest airport. Chicago Midway Airport is one of the U.S.'s top 30 airports in terms of passenger volume, and the first to be privatized.

PLASTIC A motion before Vancouver city council to examine ways of banning plastic shopping bags has been deferred until tomorrow. Metro Vancouver regional district will be looking at the issue Friday.

SUSTAINABILITY The City of Surrey has approved a sustainability charter. The project, which has been underway for almost two years, aims to develop a framework for sustainable planning and issues in the city. METRO VANCOUVER

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Watchdog lacking bite

Police oversight "has hit rock bottom in Ontario" because of a watchdog agency that is timid, fearful and lacking in rigour, Ontario's ombudsman said yesterday, as he introduced a report on Ontario's Special Investigations Unit. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Teen to get adult trial

A young man accused of dangerous driving causing a toddler's death outside Montreal will be judged as an adult, Quebec Superior Court ruled yesterday. The man, who turned 18 on the day of the accident, was originally to be tried as a youth according to a lower court ruling. His name is protected by a 31-day publication ban.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Court system anti-Muslim, Toronto NDP candidate says

Election 2008

A Toronto NDP candidate says any Muslim facing a terror-related charge before a Canadian judge is likely to be presumed guilty until proven innocent.

El-Farouk Khaki, an immigration lawyer and Toronto Centre candidate, says he draws his view from the guilty verdict last week at the first "Toronto 18" trial.

"I'm not saying every judge in every court is going to be prejudiced," Khaki said yesterday. "But I think certainly the atmosphere and the environment" is one of anti-Muslim prejudice, he said.

NDP Leader Jack Layton said he had no comment.

"Basically (the decision) means after 9/11, everybody who is Muslim who is accused of anything terror-related is presumed to be guilty until proven innocent."
El-Farouk Khaki, NDP Candidate

"I haven't talked to El-Farouk or seen his comments yet," Layton said.

The Liberal incumbent in Toronto Centre, Bob Rae, said Khaki's comments "show an astounding lack of judgment and they are entirely inappropriate."

Khaki's specific remarks about the trial judge in a CBC Radio interview Friday "were grossly unfair," Rae said, especially as the judge is not in a position to respond.

Last week, a young man was convicted of belonging to an al-Qaida-inspired terror cell, an involvement that included attending Islamist training camps in rural Ontario and stealing equipment for them.

The man, who can't be named due to his age, was the first of 18 accused of plotting terror attacks in Canada to come to trial. Charges against three youths and four adults have been dropped. Ten men still face trial.

Khaki said the judge most clearly showed prejudice when rejecting a defence argument that no real Toronto terrorist group existed because its goals were too fanciful to be achieved.

"It might well have been said, prior to Sept. 11, 2001, that a plan to kill thousands and destroy landmark buildings in lower Manhattan and Washington had no possibility of implementation," Superior Court Justice John Sproat wrote in a 94-page decision.

A terrorist group working toward goals that might seem unattainable, the judge said, is still a terrorist group.

"Basically (the decision) means after 9/11, everybody who is Muslim who is accused of anything terror-related is presumed to be guilty until proven innocent," Khaki told a CBC Radio interviewer in his first comments on the case.

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Halifax **Mi'kmaq Treaty Day**

ERIN MACDONALD/FOR METRO CANADA

Pasamay Doucette takes part in the Mi'kmaq Cultural Showcase on the Halifax waterfront yesterday. The showcase continues today as part of Mi'kmaq Treaty Day ceremonies.

Nova Scotia takes marketing viral

HALIFAX What does a make believe java-brewing, leg-shaving cellphone have to do with Nova Scotia? It's apparently all in the pomegranate.

Yesterday the province launched a campaign online and in four cities. The promotion is about a new, made-up phone: the Pomegranate. It mocks the latest all-in-one phone gadgetry. But the campaign is meant to provoke thought about life in Nova Scotia, where everything is available, its creators say. **METRO CANADA**

Breastfeeding Challenge hits B.C.

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RECORD It's not often that women come together en masse to unbutton their tops, but that's just what's happening in Burnaby and North Vancouver this Saturday for the annual Breastfeeding Challenge.

The events aim to set the world record for the most mothers breastfeeding together in one place.

Tracy Harford, 28, is taking part in the event with her 17-month-old son, Matthew.

Event facts

- Lower Mainland events will be held at 10 a.m. at Trout Lake Community Centre and at Lynn Valley Village.
- Last year 825 women participated at 38 sites in B.C.

"It's really important to breastfeed, and I just wanted to celebrate with other women," she said.

"I feel like I'm doing the best thing for my baby and … it's a great way to build the bond with him."

Leslie Mills, infant, child and youth educator with Vancouver Coastal Health, said breast milk provides antibodies and strengthens the baby's immune system.

"It (also) helps the mother really tune into baby's cues," she said. "The goal of the challenge is to celebrate breastfeeding women, but we also want to celebrate all mothers."

The timing of the event allows it to coincide with World Breastfeeding Week, an annual week of awareness celebrated around the globe.

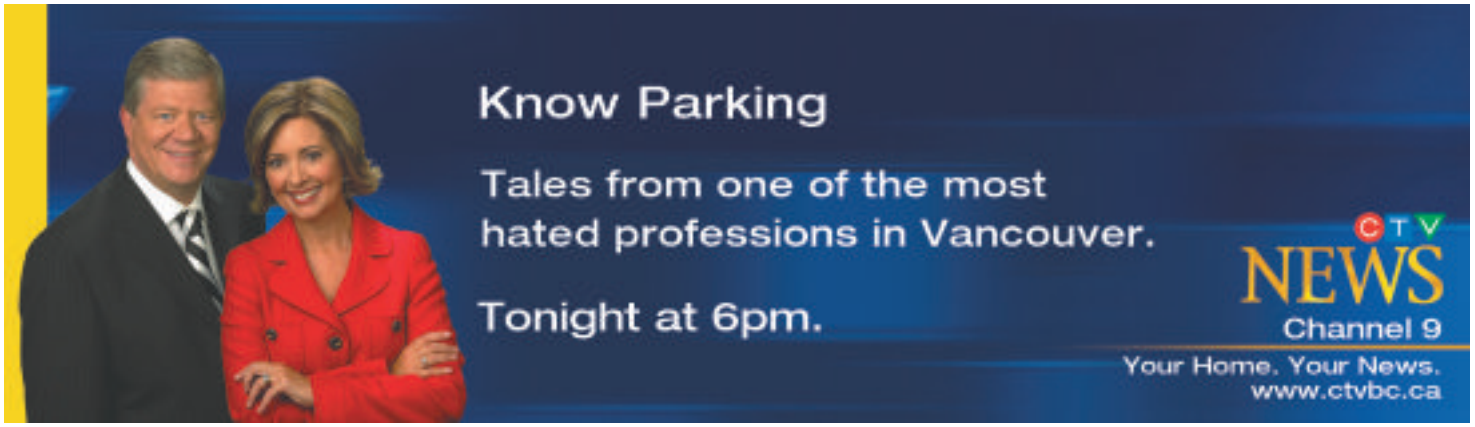
News in brief

KHADR The Canadian Bar Association and more than a half-dozen other legal groups demanded yesterday that the Canadian government repatriate Omar Khadr, now awaiting trial at a U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, CBC News Online reports.

CALGARY Alberta Health and Wellness is considering an alternative HPV vaccination program for students in the wake of Calgary's Catholic School Board's ban of the vaccine.

RADLER David Radler, the former president of Hollinger International and confidant of Conrad Black, has been transferred out of a U.S. prison back to Canada, according to authorities, CBC News Online reports.

MANITOBA A group of Grade 12 students at a Manitoba school has been suspended after a group of Grade 10 boys were paddled at a barbecue two weeks ago, CBC News Online reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Election 2008

Economy front and centre for debates

The financial crisis in the United States has forced the economy to the forefront of Canada's televised leaders' debates.

Broadcast executives yesterday rewrote the format of tonight's French-language debate and tomorrow's English-language event to allow the five politicians more time to discuss the fallout from the financial storm that has been pummelling stocks and financial markets.

The decision to devote more time to what has become the key issue in the election came after the Conservatives appealed to the broadcast consortium that runs the debates to reserve an hour — instead of 12 minutes — for the economy.

The New Democrats and the Green party endorsed the request, and the consortium agreed to set aside the first 30 minutes for the economy.

Gone are the opening and closing statements by the leaders.

"Given recent events in the global economy and its impact on Canada the economy has become a paramount issue," the consortium said in a statement.

The global economic troubles and the revelation that Harper delivered a plagiarized speech in 2003 promise new drama to the political face-off that has become a staple of federal election campaigns.

And there are two other wild cards that could shake things up: The appearance of Green party Leader Elizabeth May and a new, more intimate studio arrangement. Instead of standing behind podiums, the five leaders will be seated around a big round table. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Times

- The French debate will be broadcast live from 5 to 7 tonight on CBC, Radio-Canada, Global Television, CTV and TVA. The English debate is tomorrow from 6 to 8 p.m.

The stakes are high as the leaders prepare for this week's debates. Watch at metronews.ca/canada

13 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper speaks during a news conference in Ottawa earlier this week. Harper is under fire for plagiarizing a speech from Australian prime minister John Howard in 2003.

Harper '03 speech ripped off: Adviser

A senior Conservative policy adviser has quit amid damaging revelations by the Liberals that a major 2003 speech by Conservative Leader Stephen Harper on the Iraq war copied almost word-for-word a speech by former Australian prime minister John Howard.

The resignation came hours after the Conservative campaign downplayed the plagiarism allegation as cheap "gotcha politics" on the eve of the French debate, "irrelevant" to the election at hand.

Owen Lippert, a campaign worker in Conservative party headquarters, admitted the speech was ripped off.

Lippert, an experienced foreign policy researcher with a PhD and expertise in intellectual property, apologized, quit the Conservative campaign, and distanced Harper from the brazen act of plagiarism.

"I was tasked with — and wrote — a speech for the then-leader of the Opposition. Pressed for time, I was overzealous in copying segments of another world leader's speech," said Lippert in a written release on party letterhead.

> **"Pressed for time, I was overzealous in copying segments of another world leader's speech."**
> Owen Lippert

"Neither my superiors in the office of the leader of the Opposition nor the leader of the Opposition was aware that I had done so.

"I apologize to all involved and have resigned my position from the Conservative campaign."

It is the second resignation by a Conservative campaign official and comes as Harper was preparing to square off against his four political rivals tonight in the nationally-televised French leaders' debate.

Harper, whose meticulous attention to and re-writing of his speeches is a point of pride for him and often precludes any advance distribution of them to reporters, was in rehearsals for the French-language debate. He was not available to answer any questions on the matter.

Despite initially downplaying it, Harper spokesman Kory Teneycke said in an interview with Torstar News Service after Lippert resigned that "of course" officials were concerned when the allegations first arose.

"It's a rare occurrence in academics, journalism or in politics. It's a very serious thing when it does happen, but it's not unprecedented in any of those occupations. But in all of those occupations, it's the third rail."

That's a metaphor for political dynamite, a potential career-ender.

"It's a very serious thing when it happens, for obvious reasons," Teneycke said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Watch Stephen Harper's March 2003 speech on Iraq at metronews.ca/canada

Harper, Howard had close ties

- The Harper government was only months olds when Australian prime minister John Howard was the first foreign leader invited to address Parliament in 2006.
- The invitation reflected the close ties between Howard's government and Harper's. Howard headed Australia's Liberal party, which, despite its name, is "small-c" conservative.
- As Harper was putting together a campaign strategy, his advisers drew strength from Howard's four-straight election wins, former Harper campaign manager and adviser Tom Flanagan wrote in his 2007 book, Harper's Team.
- Australia's national newspaper, The Australian, in May 2006 described Harper's campaign "as being straight from Howard's Australian election handbook in almost every way." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Rae reveals similarities between two Iraq speeches

UNCOVERED Bob Rae says he learned only last weekend about the similarities in speeches given by Australia's prime minister and Stephen Harper in 2003.

Rae, who made the revelation about the speeches yesterday, said he had already been planning to give a speech on foreign policy, arguing "Canada needs to find its own voice again."

Rae said there was no attempt to delay the release of the tapes until this week's leaders' debates.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Parties on the fringe

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How is it financially feasible for someone to work less in 2008?

This is the question posed to Betty Krawczyk, leader of the Work Less Party. Built on the idea that the status quo, dictated primarily by government and big corporations, has led to an overworked society that compromises personal relationships and quality of life, the party campaigns vigorously for, among other things, a 32-hour work week.

"We have people so stressed over work that they can't function in their private lives," she said.

An equation of salacious names and libertarian attitudes seems to make up the backbone of several of B.C.'s fringe political parties. After prodding past evocative titles that may dissuade the uncommitted masses, absurdity fades to reveal respectable, reasonable platforms.

While the Sex Party might sound like something one would bring condoms and a keg to, for instance, party Leader John Ince speaks with the aptitude of a psychology instructor on the effects of governmental censorship on democracy. To that end, the party works to fight laws that stigmatize sex work, laws that prohibit public nudity and customs regulations that prohibit the importing of gay literature.

Marc Emery's crusade to legalize pot has become somewhat storied. The leader of the B.C. Marijuana Party's efforts have drawn worldwide support and made him the target of an extradition tug-o-war that could ultimately see him be locked up for life in an American prison.

In the race

- The Work Less Party is running in this month's federal election while the Sex Party and the B.C. Marijuana party are not.

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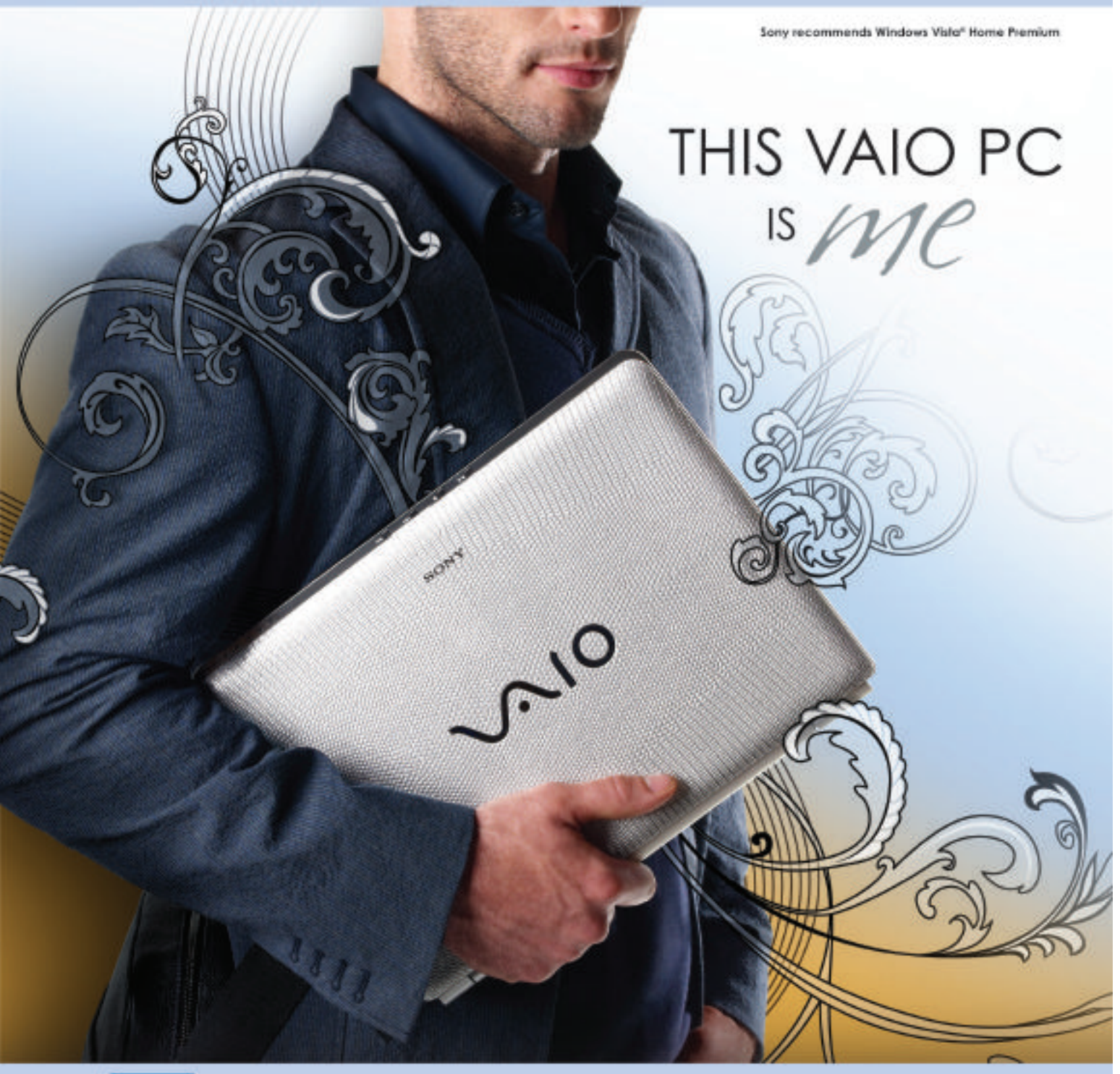

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Burning issue for artists

Actress Mary Walsh gathered a group of Newfoundlanders at Middle Cove Beach for a Sweater Vest Burning Bonfire Monday — a shot at Stephen Harper's new clothing style. The arts community is livid with the Conservatives for cutting funding to arts programming. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Election 2008

Heard on the Street: What's the most important issue in this election campaign?

From Metro newsrooms across Canada

Wendy Dehaas
age 29,
Vancouver

A: The environment is the future — everything else is irrelevant. Recent attention on the economy is taking away from environmental issues.

Sam Lawson
age 30,
Vancouver

A: The economy, although it doesn't really seem like politicians are doing anything about it. I am a young professional who can barely afford to live in Vancouver.

Lea Lokman
age 22,
Vancouver

A: Immigration is important. I am afraid (Prime Minister Stephen) Harper might crack down on policy, which would be difficult for international students like me who want to stay here long term.

Ingrid McLean
age 21,
Halifax

A: I find it's really expensive to go to university now. We're all in debt; I'm in a horrible amount of debt. Once I get out I'm pretty much guaranteed to be working a crappy job to pay it off.

Mahmoud Amer
age 24,
Ottawa

A: We need better health care, less taxes and better loans and bursaries for students.

Ève Côte
age 29,
Montreal

A: The environment and the war in Afghanistan. I'm more concerned about the environment since I have a child. Our future should be green ... Money invested in war should be used for the environment.

Paul Dolan
age 41,
Toronto

A: It's probably going to be the economy and what's going to happen ... It will be interesting to see which party's going to come up with the best approach to offset what's going to happen here.

Sam McKee
age 19,
Calgary

A: The environment. We're not doing nearly enough to invest in alternative technologies like solar electricity or wind power.

Gloria Stephenson
Edmonton

A: Health care and education are the most important things. I don't think the health care system is as good as it could be and we need more doctors. University tuition is also way too high, and we need more solutions for day care.

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An Open Letter From Donald Trump To All Vancouver Area Residents Who Want To Get Rich In Real Estate & Business!

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"I've Made Billions And Now I want To Share My Success Secrets With You!"

– Donald Trump,
Executive Producer, The Apprentice, NBC • Chairman, Trump Institute

Dear Vancouver Area Resident,

Have you seen my TV show, *The Apprentice*? It's been one of the top rated shows on NBC for eight consecutive seasons!

Not only that, it has made me a media phenomenon and forever changed my life.

And now, at the age of 60, I've decided to make a bold move to share my knowledge and experience in such a way that it could be a great advantage to you.

What Kind Of Advantage?

The best kind of advantage; the kind of advantage that could make you money and make you rich.

If you are seriously interested in hearing what I have to say about being successful, about making money and about getting rich, please read every word of this letter carefully. It contains an invitation for you to discover what has taken me the better part of my life to learn and put into action.

Please let me explain.

Before *The Apprentice,* I was famous for building the world's largest and most beautiful buildings, golf courses and casinos, and for being a marketing whiz when it comes to succeeding in business. Everywhere I went people treated me like royalty and I was generally considered a big shot.

Everything Has Changed!

Because of *The Apprentice,* everything has changed. I have truly become a household word, globally. Everywhere I go people say something to me. Sometimes they say, "Trump, you're fired!" Or, "You're hired!" But always, they greet me with respect, humor and friendship. It's like they know me personally.

I love that!

With this monumental fame there comes a great responsibility (and an enormous opportunity) to make a huge contribution to the North American economy.

Something Extraordinary For You!

Since the amazing success of *The Apprentice,* I have been wondering what to do with this new power of worldwide fame. Recently I got the idea to do something truly extraordinary and totally outside of the box.

What I've decided is that I want to train and educate the next generation of real estate moguls and business entrepreneurs. Why?

There are two very good reasons:

Reason #1:

America's been very good to me and my family and this is a great way I can give back to the country and help stimulate real economic growth.

Reason #2:

I believe that what I have to share will create so much success for my students, that I will leave a legacy as being the father of modern real estate acquisition and entrepreneurial success.

You see, one thing you should know about me is that more than anything, I want to be known as a great businessman, maybe even the greatest!

That's why I have created Trump Institute.

Want To Know How I Do It?

Would you like to know how I buy and sell real estate? How I pick properties for huge profits and high yield equity gains?

Would you like to know what I look for when buying a business or starting a new business? If so, I'm inviting you to come to a special seminar introducing Trump Institute. At this seminar you'll see first hand the type of education I am offering.

Who Should Attend?

If you're asking yourself, "could this be the moment that changes everything for me?" All I can say is, you'll never know unless you try.

Your Success Depends On You!

Ultimately, your success depends on you, and with my help, you can get an education and an advantage that has not only proven to work for me, but it has also worked for many of the world's richest men and women.

You see, in my quest to be the best, I have sought the advice and guidance from people who have also experienced mega-billionaire success. I have incorporated their techniques and experiences into my own personal treasure chest of successful business and real estate knowledge, strategies, and wisdom.

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- You'll see the Trump Way to negotiate with bankers—and win big!
- **The Trump Way to be your own boss—forever.**
- The Trump Way to build your retirement account quickly and live the lifestyle of your dreams.
- **The Trump Way to stop paying high taxes.**
- The Trump Way to build your Power Team—the right way.
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- The Trump Way to make terrific deals on real estate in a buyers OR sellers market.

If you're serious about winning in business or catching the world's greatest wave of real estate profits, come to this introductory seminar. There are more opportunities in business and real estate in the **Vancouver** area than ever before.

This Is Your Invitation

It is for this reason that I am making an absolutely irresistible invitation for you to attend my Trump Institute Introductory Seminar.

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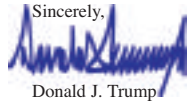
Sincerely,



Donald J. Trump

P.S. When I said I was going to give you my best deal, I wasn't kidding! See below!

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(Additional materials will be offered for sale at this Introductory Conference.)

The cost of an election

Political change doesn't come cheap. Aside from the millions raised by political parties to fuel their campaigns, there's the cost of the electoral process and millions in reimbursements to parties and candidates — borne by the taxpayer. The cost of the 2006 election was $270 million. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Election 2008

Environmental groups rally for anti-Tory vote

Greenpeace and Sierra Club Canada teamed up yesterday to urge Canadians to defeat Stephen Harper's Conservatives.

The two prominent environmental groups told a press conference they've taken the "unprecedented" move of getting directly involved in the election to challenge the Conservative government's climate change plan, which has been roundly criticized both nationally and internationally.

"If you care about the environment and if you want real action on climate change, do not vote Conservative," said Greenpeace executive director Bruce Cox.

Cox said the Conservative government has ignored the best available science to combat global warming and in so doing is jeopardizing Canada's environmental future.

"This election represents a critical turning point," said Stephen Hazell, executive director of Sierra Cub Canada.

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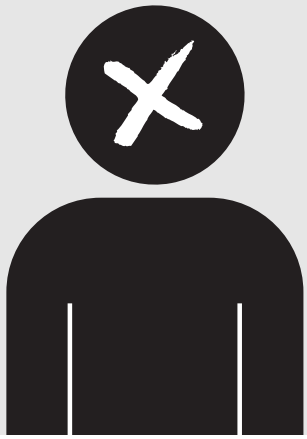
A federal general election is taking place on October 14, 2008.

New identification rules to vote!



WHEN YOU VOTE, YOU MUST PROVE YOUR IDENTITY AND ADDRESS.

YOU HAVE THREE OPTIONS:

Provide **one original piece of identification** issued by a government or government agency containing your photo, name and address.
e.g.: **driver's licence**

OR

Provide **two original pieces of identification** authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada. **Both pieces must contain your name and one must also contain your address.**
e.g.: health card and hydro bill

OR

Swear an oath and be vouched for by an elector who is on the list of electors in the same polling division and who has an acceptable piece or pieces of identification.
e.g.: a neighbour, your roommate

PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION AUTHORIZED BY THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER OF CANADA

IDENTITY CARDS

- Health Card
- Hospital Card
- Social Insurance Number Card
- Birth Certificate
- Driver's Licence
- Provincial/Territorial Identification Card
- Canadian Passport
- Certificate of Indian Status
- Certificate of Canadian Citizenship or Citizenship Card
- Credit/Debit Card with elector name
- Canadian Forces Identity Card
- Veterans Affairs Canada Health Card
- Employee Card issued by employer
- Old Age Security Identification Card
- Public Transportation Card
- Student ID Card
- Library Card
- Liquor Identification Card
- Canadian Blood Services/Héma-Québec Card
- Fishing Licence
- Wildlife Identification Card
- Hunting Licence
- Firearm Acquisition Card/Firearm Possession Card
- Outdoors Card and Licences
- Local Community Service Centre Card (CLSC)

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS (containing name and address)

- Credit Card Statement
- Bank Statement
- Utility Bill (residential telephone, cable TV, public utilities commission, hydro, gas or water)
- Attestation of Residence issued by the responsible authority of an Indian band or reserve
- Local Property Tax Assessment
- School, College or University Report Card or Transcript
- Residential Lease, Residential Mortgage Statement or Agreement
- Canada Child Tax Benefit Statement
- Income Tax Assessment Notice
- Insurance Policy
- Government Cheque or Government Cheque Stub with elector name
- Statement of Employment Insurance Benefits Paid (T4E)
- Canada Pension Plan Statement of Contributions/Quebec Pension Plan Statement of Participation
- Statement of Old Age Security (T4A) or Statement of Canada Pension Plan Benefits (T4AP)
- Statement of Benefits from provincial workplace safety or insurance board
- Statement of Direct Deposit for provincial works or provincial disability support program
- Vehicle Ownership
- Vehicle Insurance
- Attestation of Residence issued by the responsible authorities (shelters, soup kitchens, student/senior residences, long-term care facilities)
- Letter from public curator

Note: The pieces of identification required under the *Canada Elections Act* are not the same as those for provincial or municipal elections.
The above information is also available in a number of heritage and Aboriginal languages on the Elections Canada Web site at www.elections.ca.

www.elections.ca 1-800-INFO-VOTE 1-800-463-6868 TTY 1-800-361-8935 for people who are deaf or hard of hearing

Elections Canada

Moscow super-rich pour millions into luxury homes
The world outside may be in the thralls of crisis, with house prices plunging, markets slumping and banks collapsing, but Russia's super-rich can still spare $99 million US for a Moscow townhouse apartment within strolling distance of the Kremlin. Moscow's real estate has so far avoided following the local stock market's downward spiral. REUTERS

World

Vitamin C may blunt chemo: Study

Vitamin C supplements may undercut the effectiveness of cancer drugs, a U.S. study published today showed. When used on human cancer cells treated with a form of vitamin C in lab dishes, chemotherapy drugs killed 30 to 70 per cent fewer tumour cells than usual, scientists wrote in the journal Cancer Research. Dr. Mark Heaney acknowledged that a study looking at cancer cells in laboratory dishes or in mice is not the final word on the subject, and said more research is needed. REUTERS

U.S. party nominees urge bailout revival

'This is a time for action,' Obama tells rally

White House contenders Barack Obama and John McCain sought to persuade skeptical Americans yesterday to back a $700 billion US Wall Street bailout package and planned to be in Washington today to vote on the measure.

A day after the U.S. House sent global markets reeling by rejecting the financial rescue plan, Senate leaders said yesterday they scheduled a vote for this evening on a new version of the measure, including a big increase in the amount of bank deposits protected by the government's insurance program.

The campaigns of Obama and McCain said the candidates would be on hand for the vote.

Pressure

- If the bailout package passes the Senate this evening, as expected, it would put more pressure on the House to follow suit when it meets again tomorrow.

Obama and McCain had blamed each other for contributing to the collapse of the legislation Monday, but a day later each stressed the need for both parties to work together to try to reach an agreement palatable to some of the 228 members of Congress who voted to defeat the bailout.

Both encouraged Americans to back a Wall Street rescue because, as McCain said in Des Moines, Iowa, "Inaction is not an option."

Obama told thousands at an outdoor rally in Reno: "It is not a time for politicians to concern themselves with the next election. It is a time for all of us to concern ourselves with the future of the country we love. This is a time for action."

U.S. President George W. Bush also vowed yesterday to revive the bailout, one day after over 100 Republicans defied him and voted against the measure. REUTERS

Protest **Crosses against coal**

PIERRE GLEIZES/REUTERS

Greenpeace activists deploy 200 floating crosses during a protest, to symbolize the threat of a planned new coal-fired power plant to the Corinthian Gulf off Greece yesterday.

Over 100 dead in temple stampede

INDIA At least 103 people died in a stampede at a temple in the Indian desert state of Rajasthan as Hindus gathered to begin Navratri, one of the most important religious festivals of the year, police said yesterday.

A handful of people fell while climbing a steep slope towards a temple, sited inside a hilltop fort near the city of Jodhpur, triggering the crush, a Reuters photographer at the scene said. REUTERS

News in brief

STUDY Scientists have devised a formula to allow countries to predict immigration trends, according to a study published this week. The new mathematical model indicated Canada and the United States are getting their most immigrants from Latin America. REUTERS

Microsoft not immune to global crisis
Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer said his company isn't immune to the global financial crisis — he said Microsoft works heavily with the financial services sector, and that "whatever happens economically will certainly effect itself on Microsoft." REUTERS

Business

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July's GDP growth 'a fantasy'

Canada's economy dazzled in July with the biggest expansion since 2004, but economists called the news "ancient history" and predicted sliding growth rates from now on due to the financial crisis.

In figures pointing to a much stronger than expected start to the third quarter, Statistics Canada said yesterday that the economy grew 0.7 per cent in July, thanks primarily to a surge in crude oil and natural gas production.

That was more than three times market forecasts of a 0.2 per cent advance and followed June GDP growth of just 0.1 per cent.

But analysts cautioned investors not to read too much into the good news.

"Enjoy it while you can, since July's GDP print is a rearview mirror fantasy that is bound to give way to the reality of a much weaker economy once data pushes into the current environment," Scotia Capital economists Derek Holt and Karen Cordes said in a note to clients. REUTERS

Markets rebound

The Toronto Stock Exchange's main index yesterday jumped more than 4 per cent, or 467.83 points, recouping more than half the previous day's heavy losses.

Business in brief

CLOSURE Volvo Group is shutting down its Goderich, Ont., road grader operations and cutting 500 jobs; operations will be moved to the U.S. Volvo says the move will improve competitiveness and profitability, and reduce currency fluctuation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TAKEOVER Fording Canadian Coal Trust shareholders approved a $14-billion US takeover by Teck Cominco yesterday. The transaction also received Alberta court approval yesterday. Teck will pay 0.245 of a share and $82 US in cash for each Fording unit. REUTERS

RAILWAY U.S. regulators yesterday gave Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. the green light for its $1.5-billion US takeover of Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corp., which could eventually bring a third railroad to lucrative western U.S. coal fields. REUTERS

Torstar publisher changeup

MEDIA Long-time newspaper executive Don Babick has been named interim publisher of the Toronto Star and president of Star Media Group.

Babick, who has been a member of Torstar's board of directors since 2004, will step in to replace Jagoda Pike, who is going to head up the Toronto and Golden Horseshoe bid to host the 2015 Pan American Games. The changes take effect on Saturday.

A national search would begin immediately for the next publisher, Torstar's president CEO said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EnCana's oilsands division reborn as Cenovus Energy

OIL Cenovus Energy Inc. is the name that EnCana Corp. is giving the oilsands and refining division it plans to spin off next year.

The moniker mashes together the word "century" and the Latin word for "new." The natural-gas division will keep the EnCana name. REUTERS

Crisis Worldwide market panic

REUTERS/PAULO WHITAKER

Traders work on the main floor of the BM&F Bovespa stock exchange market in Sao Paulo yesterday. Brazilian stocks opened higher after suffering their worst loss in nearly a decade amid growing concerns of a worldwide recession.

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Gonchar gone four to six months

Pittsburgh Penguins defenseman Sergei Gonchar will undergo arthroscopic surgery on his dislocated left shoulder Thursday and be sidelined for four to six months. Gonchar, 34, finished second among defensemen in scoring last season.. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Raiders fire head coach Kiffin

Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis finally pulled the trigger yesterday and fired embattled second-year head coach Lane Kiffin, left, while naming offensive line coach Tom Cable as interim head coach. Davis fired Kiffin without pay via the telephone. Cable is the fifth head coach in the past six seasons for the Silver and Black. Kiffin guided the Raiders to a 4-12 mark in his first season with the club in 2007, before a 1-3 start this season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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LARS BARON/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES

Ze Roberto of Bayern Munich, right, scores against Lyon at the Allianz Arena in Munich yesterday. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Man U finds scoring touch

SOCCER Dimitar Berbatov's first two goals for Manchester United helped secure a 3-0 win over AaB Aalborg in Champions League Group E yesterday, while Juventus had to fight back for a 2-2 draw at BATE Borisov in Group H.

Villarreal are level at the top of the group with United on four points after a 1-0 win at home to Celtic with a second half goal from midfielder Marcos Senna. Celtic and Aalborg have a point apiece. In the other Group H match, Real Madrid kept their 100 percent record intact with a 2-1 win at UEFA Cup holders Zenit St Petersburg, Ruud van Nistelrooy netting the 31st-minute winner.

Arsenal crushed Porto 4-0 in Group G with a double strike from Robin Van Persie and goals in each half from Emmanuel Adebayor, his second a penalty

Bayern Munich top Group F despite being held 1-1 at home by Olympique Lyon. The German champions claimed a crucial point when Ze Roberto headed home after the break.

REUTERS

Sundin's suitors moving on

Canadian clubs shifting focus from Mats to Marian

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Two NHL clubs in Canada who've been getting nowhere in their almost-daily pursuits of Swedish free agent Mats Sundin have begun to make pitches for a younger offensive star from Czechoslovakia.

Sources tell Metro that both the Vancouver Canucks and Ottawa Senators have informed Minnesota Wild officials that they'd be willing and eager to take Marian Gaborik off their hands in a trade if they can't sign the high-scoring winger to a new contract.

Gaborik, 26, is seeking a salary worth more than $8.5-million U.S. a season. And, while Minnesota officials would like to accommodate Gaborik by renegotiating his existing deal, they doubt they can afford to pay him what he'd like. If the sides can't agree on a new contract soon, the Wild may trade him. They also could continue to negotiate in the coming regular season, but that would be a distraction players and clubs generally prefer to avoid.

While keeping their eyes on the Gaborik situation, the Canucks and Sens continue to regularly chase the 37-year-old Sundin on the free-agent market and have offered the ex-captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs even more than what it would take to satisfy Gaborik.

• Another Canadian club, meanwhile, is exceeding its salary cap and is planning to unload a player or two to free up space.

The Calgary Flames wouldn't mind solving their problem by dealing veteran defenceman Adrian Aucoin and his $4-million salary. Thing is, Aucoin has a no-trade clause

• Add the names of Gord Kirke and Phil Lind to the list of candidates to succeed Paul Godfrey as the Blue Jays' president.

Kirke is a renowned sports lawyer who drafted the original documents to create the Jays back in 1976. Lind is an executive with the Rogers group that owns the Jays.

Also on the list are ex-Rogers exec John Tory and ex-Jays execs Paul Beeston and Pat Gillick.

• Gillick is completing his tenure as general manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, who are favoured to win the World Series this month...Right behind the Phils on the favourites' list are the Chicago Cubs, who've gone 100 years without a Series championship. B.C. native Ryan Dempster, who predicted an end to the Cubs' drought on the first day of spring training, starts in Chicago's playoff opener today...New York's Shea Stadium, after 44 years, is history as the Mets prepare to move to a new facility next season, but, for a mere $100,000, you can buy its home dugout.

If you're searching for a bargain, buy the visitor's dugout for $50,000.

Or a foul pole for $25,000.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Phelps calls interviewer an idiot

• Immediately after finishing a live telephone interview on ESPN Radio the other day, U.S. swimming star Michael Phelps told a nearby friend: "That guy (interviewer Dan LeBetard) was an idiot." LeBetard and his audience heard the comment. Seems Phelps neglected to hang up. Which prompted LeBetard to question Phelps' intelligence level.

News in brief

NHL Roberto Luongo will most likely be spending his first game as captain of the Canucks on the bench. Luongo suffered a minor groin strain during a goalmouth scrum at Tuesday's practice and has all but been ruled out of tonight's pre-season tilt with the Calgary Flames. Curtis Sanford is expected to start in goal if Luongo is rested for precautionary reasons.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Buffalo	4	0	0	1.000
New England	2	1	0	.667
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500
Miami	1	2	0	.333

SOUTH DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Tennessee	4	0	0	1.000
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333
Houston	0	3	0	.000

NORTH DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667
Cleveland	1	3	0	.250
Cincinnati	0	4	0	.000

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Denver	3	1	0	.750
San Diego	2	2	0	.500
Oakland	1	3	0	.250
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
N.Y. Giants	3	0	0	1.000
Washington	3	1	0	.750
Dallas	3	1	0	.750
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500

SOUTH DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Carolina	3	1	0	.750
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500

NORTH DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500
Chicago	2	2	0	.500
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250
Detroit	0	3	0	.000

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Arizona	2	2	0	.500
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500
Seattle	1	2	0	.333
St. Louis	0	4	0	.000

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SUNDAY'S GAMES
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Atlanta at Green Bay, 10
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Indianapolis at Houston, 10
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Washington at Philadelphia, 10
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Cincinnati at Dallas, 1:15
Buffalo at Arizona, 1:15
New England at San Francisco, 1:15
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 5:15
MONDAY'S GAME
Minnesota at New Orleans, 5:30

SOCCER

PLAYOFF GAMES FEATURING THE VANCOUVER WHITECAPS MEN'S TEAM:
FRIDAY'S GAME
VANCOUVER at Montreal, 5
SUNDAY'S GAME
Montreal at VANCOUVER, TBA

White Sox squeak into playoffs

MLB The Chicago White Sox captured the American League Central Division title with a thrilling 1-0 win over the Minnesota Twins in a sudden-death playoff game yesterday.

Jim Thome's solo home run in the seventh inning off Minnesota starter Nick Blackburn accounted for the game's only run, sending the White Sox into the AL Divisional Series against the Tampa Bay Rays.

John Danks pitched a brilliant two-hitter over eight innings for the win and closer Bobby Jenks pitched a scoreless ninth for the save.

The White Sox have a quick turnaround after their champagne- and-beer celebration as they face the AL East champion Tampa Bay Rays in the ALDS starting on Thursday at Tropicana Field.

This will be Chicago's first trip to the postseason since winning the AL Central in 2005, when the White Sox went on to win their first World Series since 1917.

The win ensures that both Chicago baseball clubs will play in the postseason for the first time since 1906, when the "Hitless Wonders" White Sox downed the 116-win Cubs in six games.

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Minnesota Twins' Michael Cuddyer, right, is tagged out by Chicago White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski as he tries to score on a fly out by Brendan Harris in the fifth inning during their MLB American League Central Division playoff baseball game in Chicago, yesterday.

Morneau's season hits a sudden end

MLB New Westminster's Justin Morneau won't be joining three other BC boys in this year's Major League Baseball Playoffs.

Justin Morneau

Morneau's Twins managed just two hits in a 1-0 loss to the White Sox in a one-game playoff last night. Morneau finished second in the American League with 129 RBI and hit .300 with 23 home runs. Gibson's Ryan Dempster will start today for the Cubs in game one of the National League Division Series against the Dodgers, while Victoria's Rich Harden gets takes the mound in game three. Trail's Jason Bay and the Boston Red Sox begin their series tonight in Anaheim against the Angels.

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UBC named top sustainable school in Canada
The University of British Columbia received an A- grade in the latest College Sustainability Report Card, thus becoming the top sustainable university in Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

UBC boost

B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell was present at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus to announce $100 million in provincial funding for three construction projects at the school. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A little 'consideration'

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with Daniel Lublin

On Krzysztof Rejdak's first day of work, he found himself in a pickle. He was given an employment contract with a three-month probationary term and asked to sign his name. For Rejdak, who had already resigned from his previous long-term job, his options were grim: he could either sign his name and agree to be a probationary employee or he could refuse and potentially be unemployed. Fortunately for Rejdak, he later learned in court that not all signed agreements will ultimately be enforced.

After quitting his previous job of seven years and accepting a new job over the phone, he was later told to sign a standard employment contract. Rejdak was then given a contract containing a three-month probationary period.

Within three months, Rejdak was fired, his probationary period used as a reason. But Rejdak disagreed. When he had decided over the telephone to join The Fight Network, there was no discussion of any probationary term.

The legal doctrine of "consideration" requires that any detrimental changes to an existing agreement must be supported by something of new value, such as a bonus, and in this case, the court sided with the original, telephone job offer.

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Thinking overtime at Van film school

MARIA COOTAUCO
for Metro Canada

Adam Warren spends 70 per cent of his day just thinking about stuff.

The 25-year-old screenwriter is constantly on the prowl for "the one idea that's really going to grab on."

After that, hopefully, the rest will be history.

The Newfoundland native is steeped deep in the Writing for Film, Television and Interactive Media program at the Vancouver Film School, a one-year program for which he made the pilgrimage to Vancouver.

"I'm working on a couple of different feature films. I have a TV plot for an original TV series, a spec script for an existing TV series, five short films, and some commercial copy," Warren said, noting the list would have been longer had his memory been better.

"It's a case of 'Let's put eight irons into the fire and see how many you can pull out without burning your hand'."

Warren recently put the finishing touches on a short film, "a procedural drama about a kidnapped child and a detective who has to find him," for the school's 48-hour Film Festival.

"That was probably the most cool and taxing thing I've done," he said.

The exhilaration is usually followed up by a reality check in the form of a workshop where instructors and fellow students critique the work.

"All of a sudden it looks like Swiss cheese," Warren said with a laugh.

But if you stick around long enough, the praise will come too.

"The moments where you really create something and someone goes, 'You know what? This will work. This has legs,'" Warren said.

"You're like, 'Yes! Yes it does.'"

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Adam Warren, 25, is in the Writing For Television, Film and Interactive Media course at Vancouver Film School.

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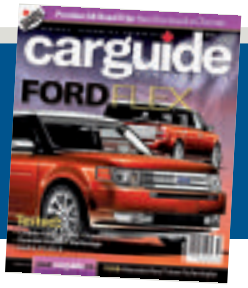

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On hallowed ground

Hyundai takes on luxury brands with stylish Genesis

MICHAEL BANOVSKY
for Metro Canada

Apart from the conspicuous absence of a Hyundai badge, the Hyundai Genesis from some angles looks somewhat like a Mercedes-Benz S-Class. Other viewpoints bring out a little bit of BMW 5-Series, Lexus GS, Infiniti M – all of which are easily recognized as luxury vehicles.

The Genesis' trump card isn't just its good looks, it's the drivetrain.

But the Genesis' trump card isn't just its good looks. It's the drivetrain – either a 3.8L V6 with 306 horsepower or a 4.6L V8 with 375 horses. All that power is channelled through the rear wheels. The V8 even has a limited-slip differential.

So-called the "Tao" V8, a Genesis so equipped can do 0-100 km/h in well under six seconds, and onto a 14.1-second quarter-mile time.

Credit goes to a near-perfect weight distribution and adaptive shock absorbers manufactured by Sachs — which are standard on all models. The chassis seems reluctant at first to liven up, being geared more toward ride comfort than Nürburgring Nordschleife lap times.

But because the suspension needs to sense the driver wants to attack a series of corners, you need a certain absence of imagination to what will happen if the 1,817 kg car doesn't decide to stick.

Price ranges from $37,995 to $48,995, with the V8 starting at $43,995. Standard on the V6 and V8 base models are: six-speed automatic transmission, ABS with EBD, eight airbags, front active headrests, electronic stability control, air conditioning, leather seats, heated seats, power locks, power windows, dual zone climate control, auto defogging system, proximity entry with smart key system, AM/FM/XM/MP3 stereo with six-disc CD player and seven speakers, iPod and USB/AUX-input, heated exterior mirrors and front fog lights.

Which, if we're honest, is more than anyone could ever want — until you get to the $2,000 premium package, which adds things like a sunroof, larger rims, HID headlights, and front and rear parking sensors.

But wait, there's more. The $5,000 technology package installs wood-grain trim, power rear sunshade, Lexicon 17-speaker audio system, cooled driver's seat (a cooled passenger seat will be added to the mix in a few months), navigation system, back-up camera and adaptive headlights.

The Lexicon stereo, by the way, is one impressive piece.

It's not quite loud enough at higher volumes, but makes up for a lack of punch with smooth and crisp sound. And there's no distortion.

Accompanying the stereo is an easy-to-use navigation and infotainment system that is controlled by an iDrive-ish knob on the console. It's all easy-to-use, attractive, and a leap forward for Hyundai's in-car navigation offerings.

The vehicle deserves its Genesis nomenclature to signify the start of a world-beating, luxury car-making manufacturer.

2009 Hyundai Genesis

Type: Sedan
Price: $37,995/$43,995
Engine: V6, DOHC 3.8L /V8, DOHC, 4.6L
HP: 290 @ 6000/375 @ 6550

Highlights

- Powerful engine
- Luxury appointments
- Classic styling

Zenn ready to debut in Canada

Zenn Motor Company (ZMC) is ready for the Canadian debut of its all-electric Zenn vehicles in Quebec.

Following the announcement by Transport Minister Julie Boulet of a three-year, province-wide pilot project enabling the sale of low-speed vehicles (LSVs), ZMC has obtained a retailer license to enable direct customer sales from its factory in Saint-Jérôme, Que.

To celebrate its Canadian debut, Zenn is hosting a launch event for the made-in-Quebec, zero-emission, no-noise Zenn at its Saint-Jerome manufacturing facility this Saturday.

All prospective consumers who signed up for ZMC's waiting list via its website will be invited to test drive the Zenn, meet ZMC officials and enjoy the event of bringing the first commercial electric low-speed vehicles to the Canadian market. This launch event will mark the first day of sales operations and the company will be taking orders and deposits on a first-come, first-served basis for the first Zenn deliveries in Canada.

The Zenn is a fully featured, all-electric, low-speed vehicle that offers consumers a guilt-free driving experience. The Zenn represents everything good about personal transportation: it's stylish, fun and socially responsible.

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Audi lives life large

Performance-packed A4 makes room for more fun

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

Audi now claims best-in-class rear legroom, meaning it's safe to take your friends for drives again.

The Audi A4 has grown for 2009 – literally. Width is up by 53 mm, while track increases by 46 mm, improving shoulder room and handling respectively.

More importantly, the wheelbase stretches 165 mm although overall length is only up by 117 mm. Audi now claims best-in-class rear legroom, meaning it's safe to take your friends for drives again.

From an enthusiast's point of view, the additional length and wheelbase free up room for the new front chassis architecture. Borrowed from the A5/S5 coupes, the revisions allow the engine to sit more between the front wheels instead of ahead of the front axle, providing better balance and handling.

The front suspension itself is still Audi's traditional five-link system, with a trapezoidal link rear setup.

The direct-injection engines are familiar yet tweaked for '09, adopting Audi's new Valvelift system to maximize power and efficiency. The 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder has received a thorough going over, producing 211 hp and a fantastic 258 lb-ft of torque from 1,500 to 4,500 rpm. The 2.0 TFSI will scoot the A4 from 0-100 km/h in a scant 6.7 seconds, and returns 8.2 L/100 km combined.

However, the optional 3.2-litre V6 seems less impressive on paper. While its 265 hp is up 15 from before, the 3.2 V6 FSI only accelerates to 100 km/h two-tenths faster yet averages 10.1 L/100 km combined.

For now, both engines are offered with six-speed Tiptronic automatic transmissions, although six-speed manuals and a CVT (only on FrontTrak models) will make appearances later in the spring.

Most models will come equipped with Audi's legendary quattro all-wheel drive system, although now power is biased 40/60 front/rear in an effort to improve its driving manners. Don't expect RS4-like handling prowess as the A4 is tuned much less aggressively.

Safety is handled with six 'adaptive' airbags, ABS with ESP, brake assist and brake-disc wiping, and height-adjustable seatbelts. Strangely, rear airbags are still only optional.

The A4 comes in two bodystyles — for now: sedan and Avant (wagon).

New for 2009 is Side Assist, plucked from the Q7 SUV, which uses the rear parking sensors to determine if a vehicle is sitting in the car's blind spot and will flash to warn the driver accordingly.

A4 pricing starts at $39,700 for a FrontTrak with a manual transmission, although for now, all models offered in Canada will be quattro-equipped with Tiptronic.

Even entry-level A4s get a good amount of standard equipment, including 17-in wheels, a sunroof, leather seats, aluminum interior, split-folding rear seat, power driver's seat, 10-speaker 180-watt sound system with auxiliary input, and automatic climate control.

Moving up the ladder, the 2.0 TFSI quattro Premium includes bi-xenon headlights, a six-disc CD player, three-zone climate control, Bluetooth capability and automatic wipers and lights.

The 3.2 FSI comes only one way: fully-loaded, meaning all the toys in the Premium package plus a 505-watt 14-speaker Bang & Olufson sound system, Side Assist, rear parking sensors, auto-dimming mirrors, adaptive headlights, and a colour driver information display.

The interior is pulled directly from the A5/S5, so it's certainly familiar and well put together.

2009 Audi A4

Type: Sedan
Price: $39,700
Engine: 2.0-litre I-4, 16 valve DOHC, Turbocharged, Direct Injection / 3.2-litre V6, 24 valve DOHC, Direct Injection
HP: 211 @ 5,300-6,000 rpm / 265 @ 6,500 rpm

Highlights

- Larger interior space
- All-wheel drive system
- Six-speed Tiptronic

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Mag Flexes digital muscle

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, Esquire magazine and the new Ford Flex has made publishing history with the first-ever digital cover.

The ground-breaking cover of the October issue of the magazine and the double-page advertisement for the Flex inside the front cover of Ford's newest crossover "electrifying the night" give the illusion of moving words and images, courtesy of flexible electronic display technology produced by E Ink, the same company that developed the technology used in Amazon.com's e-book device, Kindle.

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What hiking dreams are made of

TheTravelJunkie
Julia Dimon

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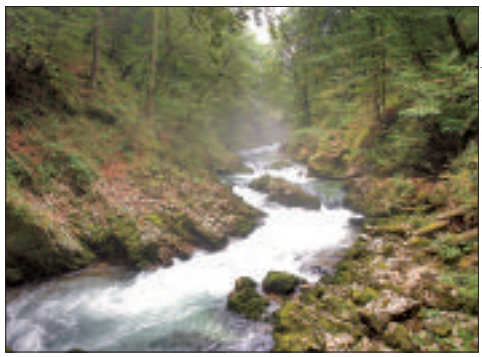
For outdoor adventurers who love to hike, the Slovenian landscape is Mother Nature's playground. With 10,000 kilometres of marked paths across the country, the hiking possibilities seem endless, from the tops of snow-crusted mountains to the base of the river gorge.

Slovenia's big attraction centres around the Julian Alps, a mountain range of 4,400 kilometres with 120 peaks over 2,000 metres high. Less tourist-y than the Alpine spine that snakes across Italy or Switzerland, the Julian Alps provide an alternative for tourists looking to escape mainstream crowds and mainstream prices.

All through the region, there are thousands of paths challenging climbers of all levels. Some hikes span weeks, some span days, others hours. Choosing which one is right for you depends on your level of fitness and schedule.

Here are three popular hiking options:

• The Slovenian Mountain Path is a 500-kilometre hike, stretching from Maribor to Ankaran. This 30-day adventure crosses the mountains and ends on the shores of the Adriatic Sea. The Path Over Martinj Vrh takes hikers across 13 kilometres of ridges, peaks, picturesque villages and farms that offer homestays.



JULIA DIMON/METRO CANADA

A popular hike just outside of Bled, this 1,600-metre path along the Radova River winds through Slovenia's Vintgar gorge.

• Another popular ascent is Triglav, the highest mountain in Slovenia. With a summit of 2,500 metres, Triglav usually takes two to three days to hike and is a must do for any "real Slovenian."

• For a quick day hike, I travelled just outside of the historic town of Bled for a glimpse at Vintgar Gorge. Discovered in 1891, Vintgar has been a tourist attraction since the late 19th century. While it was dangerous to visit back then, today's well-marked trail of wooden planks makes it accessible to everyone.

Walking through the pristine landscape along the 1,600-metre path, I felt a deep sense of calm. Sitting by the tranquil waters was my chance to revitalize.

In the early morning the Vintgar gorge was a little oasis at the base of the Julian Alps, but by 9:30 a.m. the tour buses arrived and the path was jammed with sightseers. This was my cue to scram. I had another story to write, another suitcase to pack, another plane to catch.

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The hottest beach getaways

Sand and surf destinations don't get more romantic

HERBERT YPMA
for Metro World News

Finding a romantic beach paradise doesn't have to break the bank. Following are the best spots in the world for the two of you to languish on the sand.

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Sardinia's Le Dune offers an immense stretch of undulating hills of sand. Above, Sunset Beach in The Hamptons.

Ravesi's
Bondai Beach, Australia
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Le Dune
Sardinia, Italy
You would never expect to find a beach like this on the Mediterranean; South Africa, Australia, New Zealand for sure, but not in Sardinia. Stranded on an immense stretch of undulating hills of sand, Le Dune is not only wild but also totally isolated.

Maison Du Bassin
Cap Ferret, France
A gem on France's lower west coast, the idyllic Maison Du Bassin is a stone's throw from some of the best beaches in France. This is a beach cabin that became a hotel and restaurant when it grew up; a pastel-coloured, wooden-panelled, wicker-furnitured place that oozes a weather-beaten charm like no other.

100% Fun
Tarifa, Spain
This hotel delivers exactly what it says on the can. It's situated on the vast and completely unspoiled beach of Tarifa, which is Southern Spain's chalk to the Costa Del Sol's cheese. Instead of British crowds and Irish pubs you get empty beaches and real surfers.

Muang Kulaypan
Koh Samui, Thailand
The danger with Thailand's booming tourism is that many hotels are starting to look the same. It's the villa-with-a-deck syndrome. Few places have a style entirely their own, and therein lies the charm of Muang Kulaypan, one of the most authentic and romantic places on a Thai beach.

Carducci 76
Cattolica, Italy
When you arrive in Cattolica on Italy's Rimini coast, you will die. It is awful and you will ask yourself, "What am I doing here?" But fret not, because in amongst all the schlock is a little oasis of taste, a beach-side paradise that you will not have to leave until it's time to go. Sometimes turning inward to shelter in sumptuous elegance can be the most romantic thing to do.

Sunset Beach
The Hamptons, USA
In a New York summer, the Hamptons is certainly a scene, but not everyone wants to be part of it. Instead of queuing for the privilege of overpaying outrageously for a deli sandwich in East Hampton, you could opt for the natural beauty and unspoiled charm of Shelter Island. This is America as it used to be — innocent, unspoiled, wholesome — where the drugstore even serves pancakes for breakfast.

Taru Villas
Bentota, Sri Lanka
Fly to Colombo, jump in a cab, bounce around in the back for two or three hours, and you will have arrived at Taru Villas (unless traffic is really bad and then you'd still be in Colombo). Taru is a small complex of stylish bungalows a stone's throw from one of Sri Lanka's best beaches. It is quiet, beautiful, private, sensuous and affordable.

Waka Nusa
Lembongan, Bali
Not many people have heard of Lembongan, a tiny island off the coast of Bali that is blessed with clear waters, great surf and plenty of fish — like most of Bali used to be. If you long for a romantic escape in a barefoot, thatched-hut-on-the-sand, only-eating-fish-just-caught-off-the-beach type of way, then this is the place for you.

Fort Tiracol, Goa, India
The romance of Goa is not just the palm-fringed beaches but also its Portuguese heritage. For me there is no better example of this than Tiracol, an old Portuguese fort built on a headland guarding an inland waterway. Since it was converted to a hotel half a decade ago, guests not only get a substantial chunk of the fort as accommodation, but the location provides the most ideal scenario for breathtaking sunrise breakfasts and romantic early evenings.

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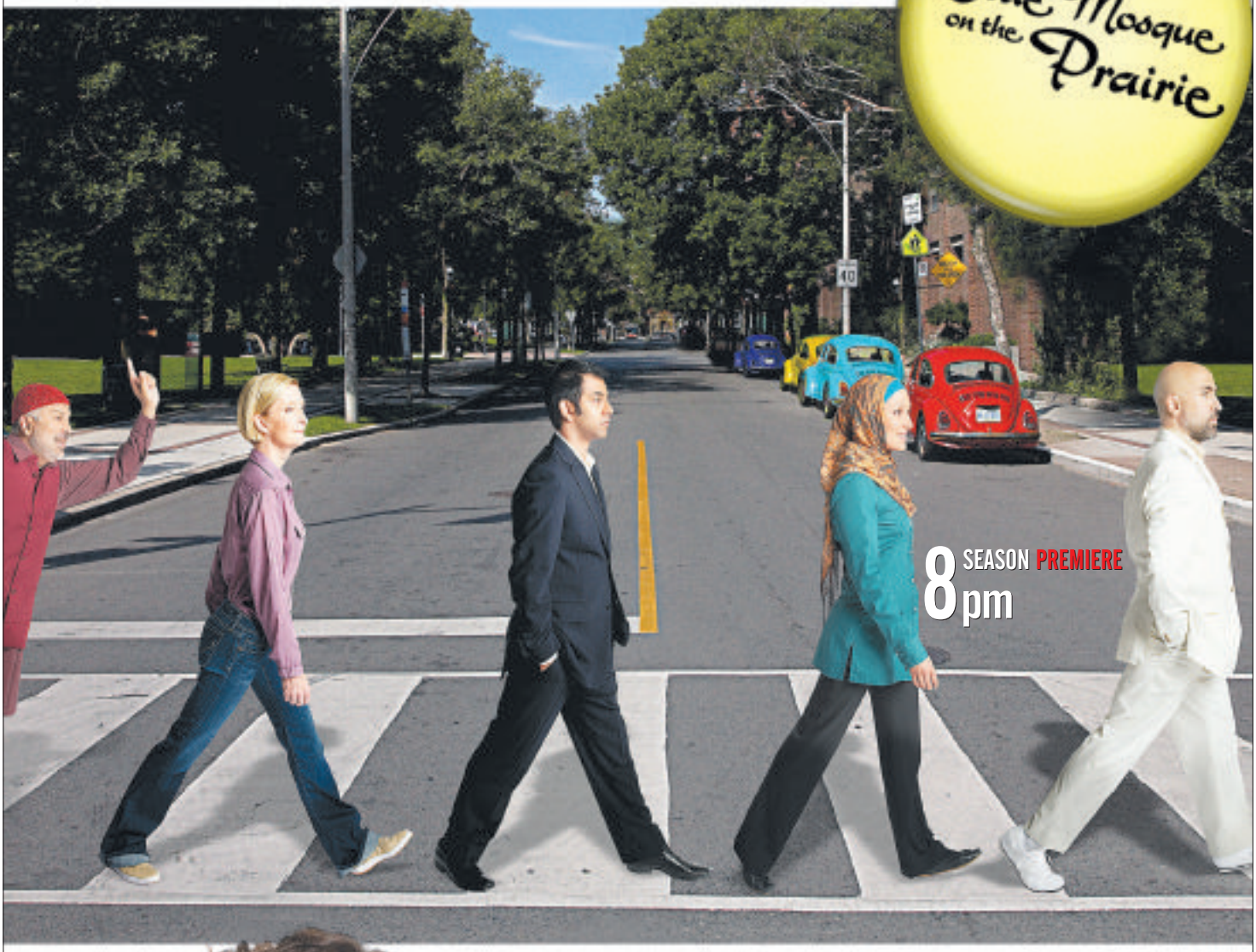

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Becks' books

Soccer superstar David Beckham is set to launch a series of books for kids, set at his soccer academies in London and Los Angeles, with the help of a ghostwriter. IMDB.COM

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Quirky inventors inspire films

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Flash of Genius tells the dramatic true story of Professor Robert Kearns, the inventor of the intermittent windshield wiper.

Now, if you're thinking that sounds like an unusual premise for a multimillion dollar Hollywood blockbuster, you would be correct.

But it's not just the oddness of the invention; Hollywood has had an aversion to all true stories about inventors lately.

Not since the 1940s with classic flicks like Mervyn LeRoy's Madame Curie or Edison the Man have films about great true discoverers made a significant impact in Tinseltown.

Instead, it seems that producers are more attracted by the quirkiness of character than the greatness of invention. As the stars of Flash of Genius — in theatres on Friday — would attest, their film is no different.

"There are probably more invention stories out there that have more heroism and triumph in them," says Flash of Genius actress Lauren Graham during a recent interview. "What's interesting about this person is how far he went in pursuit of what he believed was right."

That's true. Ripped off by the auto industry, the film shows Kearns (played by Greg Kinnear), enduring decades of obsessive legal battles against a mighty corporation. Kinnear insists that it was Kearns' eccentricities that producers found intriguing.

Greg Kinnear stars in Flash of Genius, a film about a stubborn inventor opening this Friday.

"What was more interesting about him was less of his engineering background and more of just his prickly, uncompromising stubborn human quality that, as Alan Alda says (in the film) wasn't the most charming element to be around."

Eccentricity is the driving force behind most inventor stories nowadays. Whether it's Martin Scorsese's look at Howard Hughes in The Aviator (he invented several aviation innovations but is more revered for his overgrown fingernails and extreme obsessions) or The Road to Wellville, featuring Anthony Hopkins as John Harvey Kellogg — the holistic doctor who created corn flakes.

It's tough to find a movie featuring good ol' run-of-the-mill inventors. In fact, the way Hollywood views invention stories these days can probably be best summed up by what attracted director Marc Abraham to Flash of Genius.

"This movie falls into that zone, where it's about somebody fighting for principle," says Abraham. "That's why I loved it — even though it was seemingly about a windshield wiper, it was really about something else."

Applegate admits tears over surgery

CANCER Actress Christina Applegate felt sure she'd avoided the emotion of her recent cancer diagnosis, but burst into tears when a surgeon came to perform a double masectomy, imdb.com reports.

Christina Applegate

Applegate admits she had no problem telling her doctor to remove her breasts but when it came to the actual procedure, emotion overtook her. "It was like the floodgates just opened up."

Moore sues for private party pics

COURTS Demi Moore is suing an Australian celebrity magazine after it published pictures of the actress at a private Oscars party earlier this year, imdb.com reports.

Demi Moore

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bottom line barely concerned for networks in Project Runway battle

YOU'RE EITHER IN OR YOU'RE OUT — OF COURT: Project Runway's big moment in the pop culture spotlight is pretty much over, but the show is currently being fought over in court like a no-longer-cute child caught in a bitter custody battle. Last Friday, a judge granted an injunction preventing the show from making its move from NBC-owned Bravo US to the Lifetime channel, a move brokered by the Weinstein Company, the show's producers, earlier this year.

IntelleVision

According to an NBC Universal press release, Weinstein "violated NBC Universal's right of first refusal to future cycles of Project Runway," setting the stage for a trial that could delay Lifetime's scheduled premiere of season six in January, and even see NBC regain control of the show.

Yesterday, the New York Post ran a story on how Weinstein and Lifetime ended up in this unenviable position. It all boils down to bad blood between Harvey Weinstein and Bravo head Lauren Zalaznick, who had interfered with production on the show and blocked product integration deals that were vital to both the show's content and bottom line.

Most of all, though, Weinstein hated how Bravo had cloned the Project Runway model with shows like Top Chef and Shear Genius — a curious complaint in an industry where imitation is the sincerest form of flattery you can inflict on both friends and enemies alike.

The really perverse aspect of the whole story is the likelihood that NBC Universal, should it claw the show back, will likely take it away from Bravo, in the hopes of pouring oil over the troubled waters of their relationship with Weinstein. The Post even suggested that it would be moved to the network flagship, NBC, where it's unlikely to thrive.

The whole sorry spectacle — a p—ing match more than a savvy exercise in feeding the bottom line — is one that needs to be remembered whenever someone tells you that the entertainment business is only interested in making money.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

In brief

GAMES Video game publisher Electronic Arts Inc has signed a deal for Hollywood director Zack Snyder, who made the hit 2006 film 300, to help develop video games. **REUTERS**

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Ghostbusters 3 in works?

Bill Murray, left, who has said he didn't want to return to his role of Peter Venkman in the Ghostbusters franchise, has now implied he would be willing to make Ghostbusters 3. "I think the wounds from Ghostbusters 2 have healed." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Contender goes to Singapore

TELEVISION Reality TV producer Mark Burnett is setting Season 4 of The Contender in Singapore, taking production of the boxing series outside the U.S. for the first time.

Hosted by Tony Danza and produced with DreamWorks Television, the fourth season will premiere in December.

The deal marks the second time Singapore has hosted the Contender brand.

A variation on the format, The Contender Muay Thai, was shot in the Southeast Asian island-state in 2007 as a co-production with local company Imagine Omnimedia.

A second season of The Contender Muay Thai is in negotiations, Burnett said.

The Singapore version of The Contender is not part of Burnett's $20 million joint venture with Malaysian resort developer Genting International. That venture, Mark Burnett Productions Asia, is expected to announce its first locally developed TV format later this year, Burnett said. REUTERS

Celebrity wedding bells near Tofino

As it's been widely reported, Vancouver-born actor **Ryan Reynolds** (Definitely, Maybe) married **Scarlett Johansson** (Vicky Cristina Barcelona) on Saturday at an enchanted "remote wilderness resort" on a nearby B.C. island. CTV News and eTalk have confirmed that the nuptials took place at the Clayoquot Wilderness Resort, located near Tofino, where, according to its website, "engagements, weddings, anniversaries and romantic re-kindlings take on a spiritual quality found nowhere else in the world."

The couple began dating early last year — at about the same time the 31-year-old Kitsilano Secondary School grad ended his engagement and five-year relationship to Canadian rocker **Alanis Morisette** — and announced their engagement in May of this year. Johansson, 23, has previously been linked to **Derek Jeter, Benicio Del Toro, Jared Leto, Justin Timberlake** and **Josh Hartnett**.

As we reported last week, **Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson** is currently in town filming Tooth Fairy, in which he plays a hockey player nicknamed Tooth Fairy who somehow becomes the real thing.

During filming last week at the University of B.C.'s Thunderbird Arena, a few on-set sources were surprised to see that Johnson wasn't doing any skating of his own. "Every time there's a scene where he's supposed to be skating, he's either being pushed around on a board or he's in a metal contraption that's being pushed along by two skaters," said a source. "I don't know if he can't skate or just isn't, but all the skating is done by doubles." Last week, Johnson partied in the VIP area of Republic nightclub on Granville.

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson is filming Tooth Fairy in Vancouver.

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SPOTTED **John Cusack** and **Owen Wilson** at the Cactus Club in Yaletown last week; **Jesse Metcalfe** (Desperate Housewives) hitting the basketball courts at David Lam park in Yaletown fairly regularly over the past few weeks, according to civilizedspice.com. Cusack is here filming apocalyptic thriller Farewell Atlantis, Wilson recently wrapped Night At The Museum 2 and Metcalfe is filming Tortured with **Erika Christensen.**

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Spears says she will tour again

MUSIC Britney Spears said she plans to make her first international tour since 2004 to support her highly anticipated new album, Circus.

In an interview broadcast Monday by New York radio station Z100, the pop star was asked if she planned to tour.

Spears

"Oh definitely, next year," she said, adding the tour would probably take her "around the world." That would mark her first major concert tour since 2004.

After more than a year of making headlines for shaving her head, attacking paparazzi with an umbrella and two admissions to psychiatric hospital units, Spears, 26, is preparing for a comeback.

Gina Orr, a spokeswoman for Spears' label, Jive Records, said there were no details yet about the expected tour.

Dekker eager to land Fame lead

CASTING Thomas Dekker, the star of Fox's Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles, is in talks to take a lead role in MGM's remake of the 1980 musical Fame.

Dekker is gunning to play Marco, a working-class kid with some gnarly acting chops who is competing with thousands of hopefuls to get into and survive an elite New York public high school for the arts. Written by Allison Burnett, the revamp will be directed by Kevin Tancharoen, a director and choreographer who has worked on music videos and on tours for such singers as Britney Spears and Jessica Simpson. The film's producers have been holding open casting calls in New York and Los Angeles since the spring (video auditions posted by wannabes also pepper YouTube).

The original Fame was nominated for six Oscars and won for best score and best original song. It was then spun off into a hit TV series. REUTERS

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Pushing Daisies

Chuck (Anna Friel) goes under cover as a "Bee Girl" at a honey-based cosmetics company after its new spokesmodel is stung to death. She soon finds out that office politics are killer — literally. Meanwhile, Ned (Lee Pace) can't stand her growing independence — or the fact that she wants to move out of his apartment. Lily (Swoosie Kurtz) sends Olive (Kristin Chenoweth) to a nunnery to keep her from spilling secrets in the season premiere. 8 PM on ABC

America's Next Top Model

It's a concept as old as the fashion industry — modeling ugly clothes in a way that makes them appealing to those of us who don't know any better. Paulina Porizkova shows the contestants how to model unflattering clothes with style, while Jay Alexander asks the models to pose as Los Angeles' "natural" disasters, including an earthquake, a heat wave and a traffic jam. With Tyra in tow, that doesn't seem like much of a stretch. 5 PM on WGN WPX

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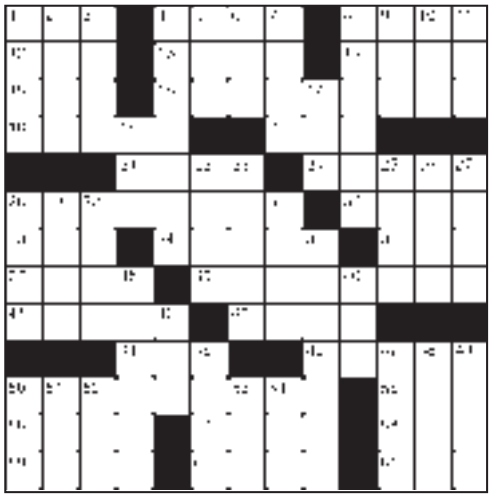

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1 Automaton, for short
4 Siestas
8 Do as you're told
12 "— Town"
13 October birthstone
14 Base runner's goal
15 Expert
16 Persistent
18 Wheat bundle
20 Court
21 Freeway exit
24 Knighted women
28 Courteous
32 Shaving mishap
33 Conger, for one
34 Portrayals
36 Lanka lead-in
37 Creche trio
39 Roomy
41 Viewpoint
43 Use a teaspoon
44 Comedian Caesar
46 Pepé Le Pew, e.g.
50 Having a huge appetite
55 Brooch
56 Pizzeria fixture
57 Mediocre
58 Inseparable
59 Greet silently
60 Burn somewhat
61 Fresh

Crossword down

1 Slithery squeezers
2 "That hurts!"
3 Shade provider
4 "You cheated!"
5 Mimic
6 Zero-star review
7 Cabbage salad
8 Buckeye
9 Halloween cry
10 Ostrich's cousin
11 "Of course"
17 Massachusetts cape
19 Joan of —
22 Bovine conversation
23 Tooth tissues
25 Soybean paste
26 Beige
27 Vail equipment
28 Lapidary's wares
29 Authentic
30 Agar source
31 Membership
35 Cut
38 Mad
40 Annoy
42 — -tac-toe
45 Platter
47 Atop
48 Morning hour
49 Recognized
50 Solemn promise
51 Eggs
52 Gun the engine
53 Sound of awe
54 "Born in the —"

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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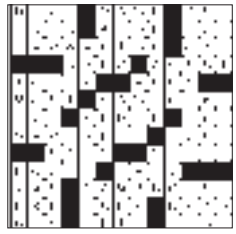

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13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
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Recipe of the day

Greek-style lemon chicken soup

INGREDIENTS:
12 oz (375 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 large onion, thinly sliced
2 celery stalks, chopped
1 large carrot, thinly sliced
6 black peppercorns
Strip of lemon zest
1 small bunch fresh dill or flat-leaf parsley
1/2 cup (125 mL) long-grain white rice
Juice of 1 lemon
2 eggs, beaten
Salt and pepper

GARNISH:
Sprigs of fresh dill or flat-leaf parsley

METHOD:
1. Place chicken breasts, onion, celery, carrot, black peppercorns, lemon zest and dill or parsley into a large saucepan. Add 4 cups (1 L) water and bring to a boil over medium heat, skimming off foam. Reduce heat and half-cover with a lid, so water bubbles gently. Simmer until chicken is cooked through, about 15 minutes.
2. Remove chicken from pan with a slotted spoon and set aside. Strain the broth through a large sieve into a clean pan, discarding the vegetables and flavourings.
3. Reheat broth until boiling, then stir in rice. Simmer gently until rice is almost tender, about 8 to 10 minutes. Meanwhile, cut or tear chicken into thin shreds, and mix lemon juice with beaten eggs.
4. Add shredded chicken to soup. Heat over medium heat until soup almost boils again. Remove from heat and pour in lemon juice mixture, stirring constantly. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Serve immediately, garnished with sprigs of dill or parsley.

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Abstinence will force a cancellation. Privacy will cause a problem for a loner. You'll realize that there's no help for a personality defect.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
News of a bungled test surprises everyone. A chat comes in handy with a forceful woman. Someone is ready to bolt from a relationship.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Resist the desire to be stubborn. A male friend ups the ante. Rough and tumble playing will interfere with being logical.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Stand on your own two feet in a precarious love affair. A maternal person has a message for you. A damaged quest is brooded over.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
A man deals with harsh words at a meeting. A pitiful friend will tell you of a back pain. A cry for freedom will be considered.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A blonde works on your development. Your friendly nature protects those who are faltering. A man threatens others with punishment.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You should accept that miracles will happen. Avoid an invitation for a fun event. An obsession causes harsh words to be spoken.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Impressive remarks are made in a debate. A bubbly female changes your mind. Give up before making any senseless demands.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A magical change will give you chills. Concealed feelings will come to a head. Put a stop to criticism by being chattier.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
A careless comment will tell you the whole story. Taking extreme action will work to your advantage. Your decisions are influenced by visitors.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Frantic activity appears to rattle someone. You'll want to flee from affectionate bonding. Be careful not to lose your train of thought.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You won't be forgotten by an angry man. A conversation will concern unusual actions. You'll be disappointed by a special person.

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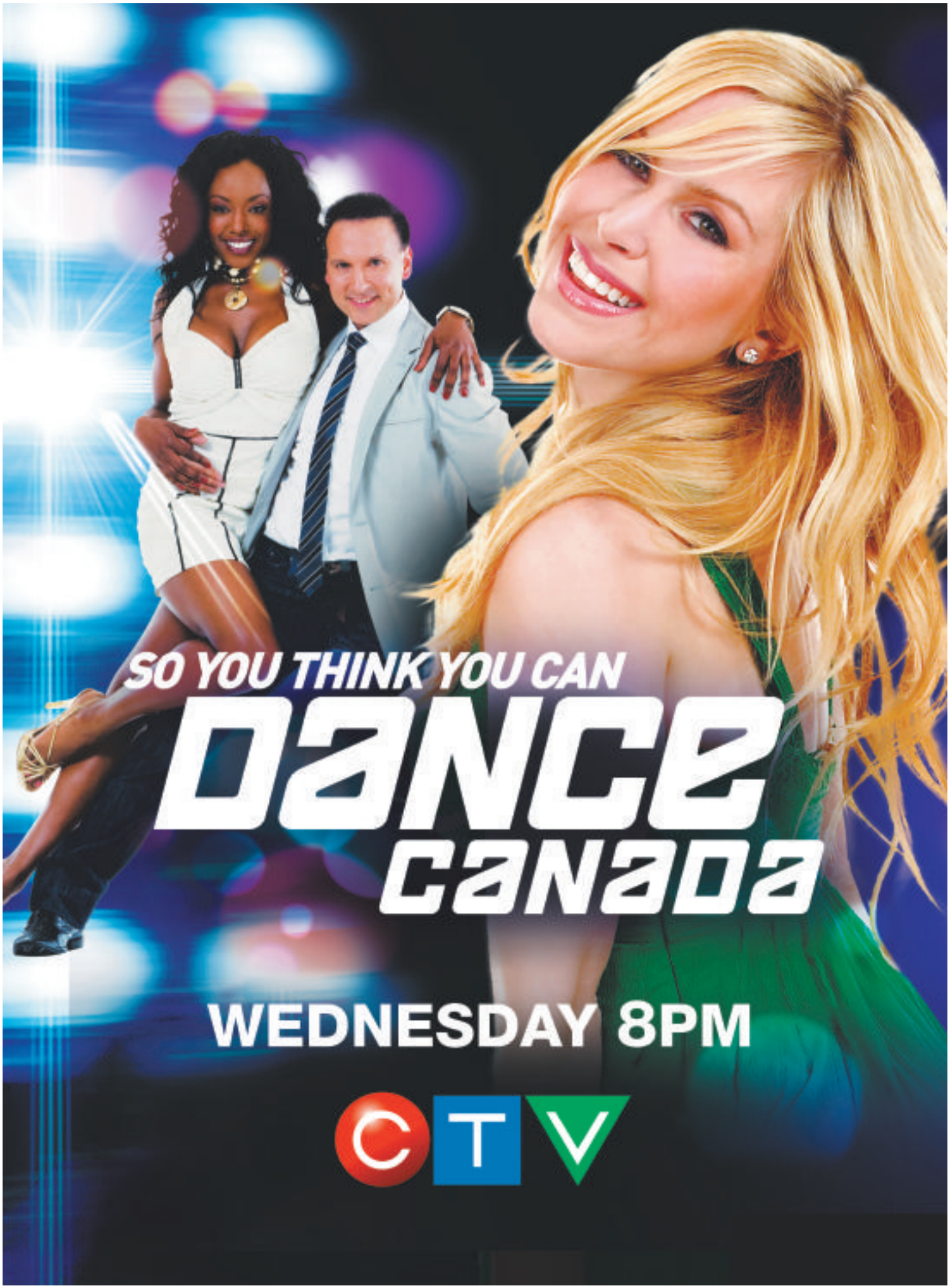
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Costner to release album

Actor Kevin Costner will fulfil a longtime dream in November when he releases his first album with his country-rock band, Modern West. PEOPLE.COM

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J.Lo: Bring me babies

FAMILY Jennifer Lopez would "love to have more children" with husband Marc Anthony, female-first.co.uk reports.

The singer/actress, who gave birth to twins Max and Emme, her first children with Marc, in February, is already planning to extend her family further but doesn't know when she will find the time.

"I'd love to have more kids. I don't know when, we'll see, you know, that's the same way my first ones happened!" says Lopez, who previously revealed she got pregnant as soon as she stopped trying to conceive.

"We'll just do it the same way for the second time around!"

Lopez also says becoming a mother has changed her "whole perspective on life."

"It has changed me very much. It really prioritized what you thought was important and what was not so important," she told Entertainment Tonight.

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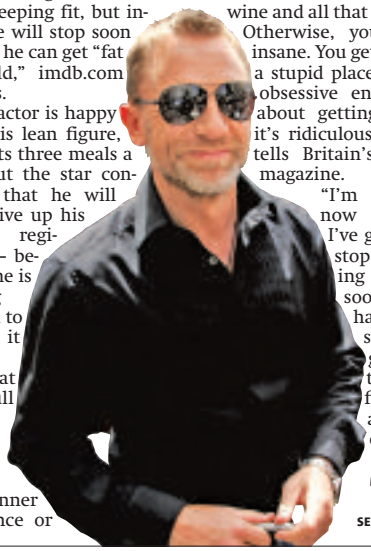
Lazy days for Craig

LIFETSTYLE James Bond star Daniel Craig is obsessed with keeping fit, but insists he will stop soon so that he can get "fat and old," imdb.com reports.

The actor is happy with his lean figure, and eats three meals a day. But the star confesses that he will soon give up his fitness regimen — because he is getting too old to keep it up.

"I eat a full breakfast, full lunch, full dinner and once or twice a week I might even drink Guinness and red wine and all that stuff. Otherwise, you go insane. You get into a stupid place. I'm obsessive enough about getting fit, it's ridiculous," he tells Britain's GQ magazine.

"I'm 40 now and I've got to stop doing it soon. I have to start getting fat and old."



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Osbourne got sex ed just like a rock star

GROWING UP Kelly Osbourne was given sex-education lessons while on tour with her rocker father Ozzy, because organizers handed out free condoms to everyone backstage, imdb.com reports.

The 23-year-old spent a lot of time on the road as a child, touring with her dad's band, Black Sabbath.

Osbourne admits that the rock 'n roll lifestyle she witnessed forced her mother, rock matriarch Sharon Osbourne, to tell her the facts of life at a young age.

"I was on tour with my dad and at every single one of his shows, they hand out free condoms," she tells British magazine New!

"I was about seven or eight and I picked up a packet and was like, 'Mum, what's this?' She had to explain to me what they were. It was something my parents have never been shy about. They always told us what they think and that we should protect ourselves."

Osbourne has also revealed she is tested for sexually transmitted diseases four times a year, the Daily Mail reports.

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Britney sings 'anthem' for girls

MUSIC Britney Spears says her new song, Womanizer — which debuted on Friday — is an empowering anthem for girls, People.com reports.

"It's basically saying, 'We know what you're up to.' It's about guys cheating on girls," the singer told New York's Z100 radio station on Monday. "It's a girl anthem. That's why I like it."

The song is the first single from Spears's upcoming album, Circus, due for release on Dec. 2, her 27th birthday.

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Pam a man 'ruiner'

DATING Pamela Anderson would "ruin" a good boy if she ever dated one, female-first.co.uk reports.

The actress is always drawn to bad boys, and thinks she will end up growing old with her ex-husband Tommy Lee.

Anderson is living with Lee and their two sons Brandon, 12, and 10-year-old Dylan while her house is being renovated.

"Bad boys just keep following me around. What would I do with a good boy? Ruin him, probably," she says. "I think I'm stuck with Tommy."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

I'm worried about **Daniel Craig**. By saying that he's going to have to give up his fitness regimen so that he can get "fat and old," Craig is displaying classic symptoms of the dreaded NPES, or Normal Person Envy Syndrome.

NPES is an affliction that can strike the very famous without warning. Symptoms include aspiring to acquire a lifestyle identical to that of the average fan who see their movies, watch their TV shows and go to their concerts.

Daniel Craig is under the delusion that he'd like to stop working out so that he's no longer the object of lust for women worldwide, and a symbol of male virility. It's no good to explain to him that being a normal, fat, old person isn't all it's cracked up to be. The man-boobs, the front-butt, the inability to live in denial by bedding 21-year-olds. This is all that being "normal" means.

Let's hope that Craig gets help. Left untreated, NPES could see him making good on his threat to eschew the gym for a diet rich in carbs, alcohol, and cheese doodles. Before he knows it, people will mistake him for **Russell Crowe**.

And that's the hopeful scenario. Some afflicted stars have gone so far as to stalk their fans, so obsessed are they by the allure of the "normal" life.

Case in point: a well-known actress was recently slapped with a restraining order after leaving more than 500 phone messages in a single weekend for one Katy Bleeker, a 30-year-old supermarket cashier in Omaha, Neb.

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Fisher family adds girl
Joely Fisher and her husband Christopher Duddy have adopted a newborn baby girl, Fisher's rep, Brit Reece, said. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Birthday bling

GIFTS Actor Liev Schreiber stunned his pregnant girlfriend Naomi Watts with a surprise party on Saturday to celebrate her 40th birthday, imdb.com reports.

Schreiber invited some of the couple's closest friends and family to the secret bash in Los Angles, which took place a day before Watts' actual birthday on Sunday.

Schreiber also treated the actress to a brand new Mercedes-Benz Bluetec — an eco-friendly luxury sports utility vehicle which isn't due to go on sale until the end of October.

According to E! Online's blogger Marc Malkin, the gift was delivered to the party venue in time for the celebrations, complete with a big red bow on the hood.

Further details about the bash have yet to be revealed, but Schreiber's representative has confirmed the event took place, saying: "Party was attended by family and friends."

The couple is preparing for the birth of its second child, with Watts reportedly due in December. Schreiber and Watts are already parents to son Alexander, 14 months.

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Miller gets pricey apology

SETTLEMENT Actress Sienna Miller has accepted $27,000 US in damages in an out-of-court settlement against the Daily Star over a paparazzi photo, BBC News Online reports.

The 26-year-old star took action over the picture taken in Los Angeles, which she claimed violated her privacy.

The paper has also printed an apology to Miller.

The Daily Star said it accepted she was "extremely harassed and distressed by persistent pursuit and intimidating tactics" adopted by the paparazzi.

"We apologize to Sienna for publishing this photograph."

Miller's private life has been the subject of numerous newspaper stories since her failed romance with Jude Law, whom she starred with in Alfie.

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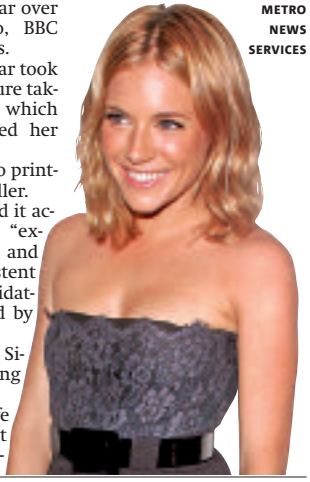

Bush is first lady of fitness

HEALTH Body image means a lot to Sophia Bush, who is careful about what she sees and projects, People.com reports.

"It's weird: In our business, I'm a size 2 and considered curvy," the One Tree Hill actress, 26, tells Health magazine for its October issue, which is on sale today.

"It's important to remind young women, 'Listen, even skinny girls have cellulite, even Halle Berry has cellulite, and what you see in photos isn't totally real.'"

Staying fit, according to the critically acclaimed actress, is "the reason I'm not a smoker or a big drinker — and it's why I'm getting more active.

"For me, fitness isn't about wanting to be rated with Jessica Alba on the Hot 100 list.

"I want to be able to hike the mountains of California with my grandkids."

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Hathaway needs a dating break

RELATIONSHIPS Actress Anne Hathaway is taking a break from dating in the wake of her breakup from her accused con artist ex, Raffaello Follieri, MSN Entertainment reports.

The New York Daily News claims she's decided to take a moratorium from men after spending the last four years with Follieri.

"She wants to make good decisions in her next relationship," says an insider. "She is working on figuring out what went wrong with Raffaello."

Hathaway has been hanging out with her family and catching up with friends.

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Praise for Romijn

MOTHERHOOD Ugly Betty star Vanessa Williams has heaped praise on mom-to-be Rebecca Romijn, insisting she will "be a great mom and raise great kids," imdb.com reports.

Romijn is expecting twins with her husband Jerry O'Connell next year, and the pair "are going to be the most fun, zany parents in California," according to Williams.

Williams is sure her co-star will make a fantastic mother, because of her sunny nature: "She's smart, she's talented, she's funny, and she's well grounded."

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Marriage for Diaz? Umm ...

COMMITMENT Actress Cameron Diaz has ruled out marriage for the foreseeable future, according to her boyfriend Paul Sculfor.

Diaz has been dating the model since the summer, imdb.com reports.

But Sculfor insists that although the relationship is going well, Diaz has told him she has no plans to settle down just yet.

"Yes, you know (we are in love). We are having fun. She has openly said she does not want marriage, so we're coasting," he tells British magazine New!

Sculfor admits that there are no bad feelings between him and Diaz's ex-boyfriend, Justin Timberlake.

"Hell, no. I have met him — he is cool and a great guy. There is no friction," Sculfor adds.

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